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Honorable Les Aspin
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Aspin:

Thank you for your recent referral to the CIA of the 13 December 1977 letter to you from Larry Wenger of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

One cannot help but sympathize with Mr. Wenger's concerns about the plight of refugees from Cambodia. I would be grateful if you would advise him that the CIA has no involvement with Cambodian refugees. I suggest that the Department of State might be able to give you information of interest to Mr. Wenger on the U.S. Government's policy of trying to assist refugees where possible, as well as unclassified information on the current situation and conditions of Cambodian refugees.

Sincerely,

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George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel

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District, Wisconsin

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

I am respectfully referring to
the CIA
for such consideration as the enclosed
communication may warrant and for a report
thereon, in duplicate, to accompany return
of enclosure. In reply refer to Pat.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Please send reply to 439 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515.
unless otherwise indicated. Thank you.

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Dear Honorable Congressperson
Les Aspin,

Over Milwaukee's radio station WMFR a report linking the CIA to the defense of Cambodian refugees in Thailand mentioned the attack and overrunning of some positions by insurgents and the consequences thereof.

I understand further that there are some 100,000 such refugees camped across the Thailand boarder and feel that these people are obviously being used as some kind of political pawn to no advantage of their own; they have apparently

taken to living in caves and starving.

I further beleive that if there were passage for these people to safe waters they would be welcome to habitable accomodation in these United States.

How can the dignity and human rights of individuals unrepresented in their ~~own~~ world community be ignored while the CIA looks on at the ongoing atrocities of the Vietnam War? The United States will be culpable for the struggles in Indochina as long as our weapons are employed in the disservice of humanity.

Sincerely,
Larry Wenger